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EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EV 485808220 US PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 15436.436.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TRANSMITTAL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT



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Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

Form PTO-1449 list of 9 references submitted for consideration.

Legible copies of the listed references or their relevant portions.

All English translations of each non-English reference, if any, within the possession, custody, control or availability of anyone designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c)).

The following are included within the Information Disclosure Statement if applicable and as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

Concise explanation of relevance of each reference not in English and unaccompanied by an English translation.

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- Legible Copies of previously filed Information Disclosure Statement for application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

In order to secure consideration of the items designated above, one or more of the following, if required, is also enclosed:

- Promptness Certification.
- Credit Card Payment Form the amount of \$180.00 constituting submission fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p);
- Petition for Consideration and Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
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Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

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Serial No.: 10/006,103 ) Art Unit  
Filed: December 6, 2001 ) 2874  
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PLUGGABLE MODULE )  
Confirmation No.: 9457 )  
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Examiner: Juliana K. Kang )

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATIONS MADE BY APPLICANT

U.S. Patent Documents

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	4,083,619	Apr. 11, 1978	McCormick et al.
2	5,195,897	Mar. 23, 1993	Kent et al.
3	5,256,080	Oct. 26, 1993	Bright
4	5,329,428	Jul. 12, 1994	Block et al.
5	5,738,538	Apr. 14, 1998	Bruch et al.
6	6,169,295	Jan. 2, 2001	Koo
7	US2003/0100204	May 29, 2003	Hwang

Foreign Patent Documents

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8	DE20005316	Sep. 7, 2000	Siemens

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Other Documents

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Article Titled "XFP (10 Gigabit Small Form Factor Pluggable Module)," Ghiasi,  
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### References Cited by Applicants

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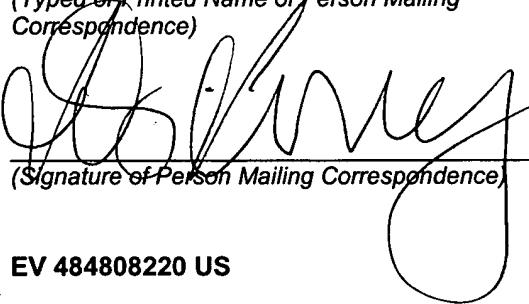
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<p>I hereby certify that the Transmittal letter (2 pages) (in triplicate); Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs); Form PTO-1449 Listing all Cited References (3 pgs); Legible Copies of 9 Cited References; Credit Card Payment Form; and postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on <u>October 29, 2004</u></p>				
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